Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Request for Information (RFI)-
Frequently Asked Questions, Response 3/10/2015

As per instructions within the RFI, responses issued by KDADS are for frequently asked questions and specific to content clarification of the RFI; KDADS intent for this RFI is for feedback purposes related to development of a Request for Proposal document and questions related to process and procedure may be addressed at that time.

1. **How will the additional information and answers to general questions be made public so all prospective IPs will know?**
   a. The format used to address questions received is via this Frequently Asked Questions specific to RFI and is available on the KDADS public website at www.kdads.ks.gov.

2. **What do you mean by "long term care rebalancing activities"? Is this what we call in the corporate world "right sizing" which means doing more with less financial resources?**
   a. Long term care rebalancing is referenced as an effort to keep consumers in the community setting that is desired.

3. **Page 14, Item H.2. There is no paragraph "a" only b,c,and d. Did something get left out or is this just a typo?**
   a. Nothing was left out; this was a formatting error.

4. **How many regions do you envision? With the current system each AAA is a region. Are you looking for lesser number of regions? For example you could have 5 regions with each region having 21 counties to provide services to, or what other criteria do you have in mind to determine regional boundaries?**
   a. KDADS has no set regional design at this time.

5. **Both March 1 and March 15 fall on Sundays. On Page 1, of the four page Response document, the date of March 17, 2015 is noted as the Closing Date. Can you confirm the accurate Closing Date of the RFI?**
   a. Because of an error listing the date of March 17, 2015, KDADS is allowing information to be submitted until that time.
      i. (Updated) Based on requests for extended response time, KDADS is allowing responses to be submitted until 8:00am, Monday, March 23, 2015.

6. **On Page 1, of the four page Response document, it is noted an Information Session will be available in February. Will a March session be held, as opposed to the February Information Session?**
   a. There will not be an information session held for the RFI; the FAQ response is posted to the KDADS public website. An information session may be held for the release of the Request for Proposal (RFP).

7. **On page 1, of the four page Response document, it is noted one set of forms can be submitted. On page 2, additional pages can be submitted. Can you define the "set of forms." Are Pages 1, 3 and 4 of the Response document the set of forms?**
   a. Correct, pages 1, 3, and 4 are the response documents; any additional pages are allowed for submission for feedback purposes.

8. **Can you clarify if an additional document can be submitted as outlined on Page 2 of the Response document that is limited to 5 pages? In other words, can each Submitter submit either a set of forms or an additional five-page document, or both?**
   a. Submitters are allowed to submit both the response documents and additional documentation. The additional documentation has a 5 page limit.
9. **On Page 11, the narrative reads that "Kansas is developing independent ADRC regions to work collaboratively as part of a single NWD/SEP system in Kansas..." If the ADRC/NWD/SPE RFI Submitters are developing the regions, will KDADS provide guidance?**
   a. KDADS has no set regional design at this time.
10. **On Page 11, KDADS's asserts the "enhanced ADRC system will be more person-centered, more efficient, and more supportive of community living." Can KDADS's define the current level of "person-centered, more efficient, and more supportive of community living" to assist in providing a baseline for an enhanced ADRC. In other words, what is expected by "more."**
    a. This is intended to provide a description of the ADRC concept.
11. **Operating Partners: Will there be any limitation on the number of Operating Partners? Will the Lead Operating Agency/ies contract directly with the Operating Partners? Or will the Operating Partners contract directly with the KDADS?**
    a. There is no established limit to the number of Operating Partners at this time, but remains open to review. Operating partners contribute substantially to the daily functions of the ADRC by providing services through subcontracting relationships or other arrangements with the lead operating agency.
12. **If the Lead Operating Agency, Operating Partners and Support Partners are not restricted from contracting with the Medicaid (KanCare) MCOs, can you clarify KDADS's concerns regarding conflict- free ADRC systems, specific to functional assessment, case management and service delivery.**
    a. All Partners would need to remain conflict-free entities in accordance with state and federal requirements.
13. **On Page 13, the language seems very broad, specific to #10. Can you expand more clearly on KDADS's language "Future Statewide Operational Standards."**
    a. Future Statewide Operational Standards could include, but are not limited to, future state and/or federal policy changes, HCBS waiver updates/amendments, MIS system requirements, etc.
14. **On page 14, to avoid failure, can you provide the current amount of the ADRC budget? This will allow ADRC/NWD/SPE RFI Submitters to be informed of the amount of the budget neutral ceiling.**
    a. So as not to limit input in this information gathering process, we would like to receive all ideas and feedback of improving the ADRC system with budget neutrality being achieved in a multitude of ways.
15. **On page 14, to avoid failure, can you clarify how the proposed implementation of the interRAI MFEI aligns with KDADS's budget neutral principle?**
    a. The MFEI is currently in testing and review stages; the final product is unknown at this time.

16. **Can an agency/organization be both an Operating Partner and Support Partner?**
    a. A support partner provides support to the ADRC in a variety of ways and is most likely not the same entity.
17. **On page 13, the RFI reads, "the planning process will incorporate meaningful input from key stakeholders, including consumers; their advocates…" Does this mean KDADS plans to reach out and incorporate meaningful input from consumers and their advocates, and if so, can/will KDADS publicize this plan? Or does it mean that Interested Parties who plan to submit responses to the RFI and/or RFP are supposed to gather and incorporate meaningful input?**
    a. As KDADS develops the ADRC RFP, this RFI serves to gather and incorporate meaningful input into the planning process and the expectation would be that entities considering a bid would also solicit meaningful input that would be represented in the presented bid and continue throughout the process.
18. **On the RFI Response for, page 3 of 4: Why does the request to improve waiver programs only reference the IDD programs? In what specific areas of program design does KDADS hope to collect from networks which do not routinely work with the IDD waiver and its programmatic features?**
    a. The KDADS anticipation is to receive feedback from any Interested Party, consumer, or advocate. There are many areas listed with suggested questions and items to consider that any Interested Party could address in order to provide feedback to the future ADRC RFP regardless of the population that they currently serve.